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Artists in the Schools bowl-a-thon

A full team of Archie Stouffer Elementary School staff took part in the April 14 bowl-a-thon for Artists in the Schools. Left to right (front to back row): Darlene Hill, principal Traci Hubbert, Brenda Brouwers, Michelle Allore, Liz Bloomfield, Michele Coneybeare and Teressa Bird. Photo by Mark Arike.

Black Lake cottage disaster

By Douglas Pugh

The recent strange weather – high winds and minimal rain – are likely to blame for a large bush fire that destroyed a cottage on Black Lake on the evening of Monday, April 16.

“Black Lake is mainly a water access lake and when I came home from work we were boating across the lake when we first noticed the smoke,” said resident Shelly Pearsons. “It seemed an awful lot of smoke for a camp fire, or even somebody burning off some leaves and stuff. When we got closer it was a lot more serious than that, so we had to call 911.”

Neighbour Pam Sayne heard of the trouble and rushed over from her home.

“I only live three kilometers away, so it didn’t take long to get there. As we boated across the whole shoreline looked

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Feds to fund building access upgrades in Highlands East

Over \$31,000 from Enabling Accessibility Fund

By Mark Arike with files from the office of Barry Devolin

The municipality of Highlands East is set to receive \$31,111 from the federal government via the Enabling Accessibility fund in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Local MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, made the announcement in an April 12 press release. The Lindsay Library will receive \$50,000 through the fund for the renovation of four washrooms, which will include accessibility upgrades.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton was happy to hear the news.

“It’s very important,” said Burton. “It will help those in

wheelchairs and the disabled get in and out of our buildings.”

The funds, which the municipality applied for last year, will be used to install automatic doors, build accessible washrooms and construct ramps to a number of public buildings. These buildings include the Highland Grove Community Centre, the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre, the Cardiff Community Centre and library, and the Gooderham post office and library.

Once these upgrades are completed, Burton feels that the municipality will be in “pretty good shape.”

In the release, Devolin stated that the government recognizes the abilities of all Canadians and is committed to removing barriers for people with disabilities.

“We are proud to work with both Highlands East and the Lindsay Library, which are helping Canadians gain greater access to facilities and services in their

communities,” he went on to say.

Since the first call for proposals in 2008, the Enabling Accessibility Fund has supported over 800 projects across the country, including 188 new projects totalling \$6.2 million that were recently announced.

The Enabling Accessibility Fund was originally announced in 2007 as a three-year, \$45-million program to support community-based projects across Canada. In 2010, the fund was extended with an additional three-year, \$45-million commitment and the creation of a new mid-sized component.

All applications for funding through the Enabling Accessibility Fund’s 2011 call for proposals were screened against mandatory program criteria and for completeness. Successful projects demonstrated they were able to create or enhance accessibility for people with disabilities within Canada and involve community partnerships.

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Twenty recording subsidies for local musicians

Selected artists have a chance to be featured on compilation album

Submitted by Trina West

The Haliburton County Folk Society, with support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, has 20 recording subsidies of \$100 each available to Haliburton County residents and/or members of the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS). This initiative

was created to give local musicians, both young and old, an opportunity to professionally record a piece of original material to help promote and elevate their musical profile.

To be eligible, the artist's recording must be comprised of original material. All ages are welcome. The HCFS encourages young musicians with original material to take advantage of this opportunity as well as adult artists.

The application form must be returned to the HCFS on or before June 30 and permission be given to the HCFS to use the recorded original work for a compilation CD that will be juried and created to showcase local talent.

The subsidies will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Quantum Entertainment Studio in West Guelph has generously offered a reduced recording rate in cooperation with this initiative. Individual musicians will be given the opportunity to professionally record their work and receive a final product that can be used for local radio play, as a marketable mp3, or may be selected for the next HCFS compilation CD of local artists.

You may obtain the application form on the HCFS website at www.haliburtonfolk.com or request it by email at info@haliburtonfolk.com.

“... It must be devastating”

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like the head of a match just after it has gone out – all the ground was glowing and there were scattered patches of flame here and there. When I got to my cottage I was relieved to see the wind blowing away from my place, but towards six or seven other properties.”

The fire was attended by crews from Kawartha Lakes, both Coboconk and Norland, alongside two MNR crews. Luckily, access was provided down Manhattan Rd. Crews were still working at damping down hotspots the next morning, both at the remains of the cottage and in the bush itself.

“The whole area is getting like a tinderbox,” said Minden fire chief Doug Schell. “The rain they keep predicting keeps going around us. I’m really hoping that they get it right this weekend, we need rain and lots of it.”

The fire chief will review the fire status next week, with a strong likelihood that if the rain doesn’t arrive a ban may well be put in place. In the meantime, “Don’t burn anything unless you really have to,” advised Schell.

The investigation as to the cause of the fire is ongoing by the MNR.

“Highly likely to be the downed Hydro line,” said Schell. “The fire spread through the bush toward the cottage.”

The true cost though is the personal loss. Only one cottage in this instance, but for the family involved, the Osmars, this could be the ruin of the whole year.

“They are such a great family,” said Pearson, “friendly and well liked. They come up from the city and call this place their little piece of heaven. I feel so badly for them. It must be devastating.”



Photos by Shelly Pam



April 22



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County news

Keeping drinking water safe

Public encouraged to provide input by April 23

By George Farrell

Ever since the tragedy of Walkerton in 2000, when seven people died and thousands became ill due to the bacterial pollution of a municipal well, the Ontario government has been working to protect citizens from a similar disaster. In 2006, the *Clean Water Act* was passed to protect lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater, all of which are sources of drinking water for municipalities.

As part of this ongoing process of protection, an important meeting was held at the Minden Community Centre on the evening of April 16. The sparsely-attended meeting was organized by the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee, which was seeking public input on its draft Proposed Source Protection Plan. The plan is designed to protect drinking water sources for municipal water systems.

The Kawartha-Haliburton Source Protection Area, which is part of the much larger Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region, has a total of 22 municipal water systems, but in Haliburton County itself there are only four such systems: Minden, Cardiff, Lutterworth Pines and Dyno Estates. The rest of the county, including the Village of Haliburton, depends on numerous individual wells for its water, and those wells and their sources are not part of the Source Protection Plan, which deals specifically with municipal water systems.

Jennifer Stephens is the project manager for Source Protection Planning for the Trent Conservation Coalition. As a guest speaker, she said that the purpose of the meeting was to bring to our attention "the policies that have been developed by the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee."

"Our focus is on municipal drinking water systems," says Stephens. "That's not to say that private drinking water systems are not important. In fact they're just as important, but we had to begin somewhere and I suspect that in the future we will look at private systems."

Stephens used a series of slides as an aide to her talk. She spoke of a multi-barrier approach to protecting drinking water – an approach which included source protection, reliable treatment, sound distribution systems, testing, monitoring and plans to deal with adverse situations.

Stephens said that "the policies were based on the best available science and where there is uncertainty, being



Project manager Jennifer Stephens, Gerald McGregor (foreground), and Dave Burton, municipal representative for the city of Kawartha Lakes and the Haliburton Highlands, look at the Source Protection Region. Photo George Ferrell.

mindful of the precautionary approach."

She also said that the committee would ensure – through the meetings and written responses – that public concerns would be heard and that consultations with all stakeholders, including landowners, businesses and municipalities would take place so that fair and reasonable decisions would be made. Stephens also pointed out that the committee was advocating ongoing provincial funding to provide financial assistance to property and business owners, municipalities, agencies and others "who might be impacted by our policies."

Sewage systems, holding tank fuel seepages, agricultural source material, commercial fertilizers, road salt and waste disposal sites were among those items mentioned as possible threats to the quality of drinking water. A policy development process is in the works to deal with these potential threats. Management of activities and prohibition of some activities "where significant" are all being

considered by the committee.

Education and outreach, land use planning approaches and incentive programs are among the policy approaches currently available to the committee. A risk management planning strategy is also being recommended.

The public consultation period of the draft Source Protection Plan ends on April 23. By that date, all comments from the public must be delivered to the committee.

There are three ways to deliver comments: email info@trentsourceprotection.on.ca; fax 1-613-394-5226; or regular mail to Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee, c/o Lower Trent Conservation, 714 Murray Street, RR#1 Trenton, ON K8V 5P4.

More information on the draft

Proposed Source Protection Plan can be found at www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca or by phoning 613-394-3915 ext. 245.

Jennifer Stephens

Project Manager

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Editorial opinion

Stephen Patrick is off this week.



A way-station for patients and families

By Bram Lebo

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), the organization that runs our local hospitals and associated health programs, is seeking approval for a second hospice-palliative care suite from the Ministry of Health.

[See story on Page 12]. Under the leadership of CEO Paul Rosebush, HHHS plans to build a connected but separate structure to provide end-of-life care in an environment that combines a quiet, home-like atmosphere with access to immediate, high-quality medical care. HHHS has partnered with SIRCH to provide patients with volunteer support and already has a first suite operational at the Haliburton Hospital.

Hospice-palliative care is a relatively new discipline, at least in terms of modern medicine. In earlier times, it was considered important to have a "good death" — in a peaceful place, surrounded by family, as comfortable as possible. But as medicine advanced, particularly in the 20th century, our belief in science tended to create an attitude that anything and everything should be done to prolong life, no matter what the circumstances.

I've had personal experience with both mindsets. In 1976, after a long battle with cancer, my grandmother was resuscitated after a catastrophic haemorrhage — her doctors used what was then a radical and experimental technique of lowering her body temperature and it worked; she got six more months of life.

But to what end? Those months were spent in enormous pain and not with us: she became so emaciated, she refused to let her grandchildren visit, lest their memories of her be transformed into nightmares of her suffering, a decision I still respect and understand.

Contrast that experience with 2005, when my father was transferred to palliative care at Princess Margaret in Toronto. If there is such a thing as a way-station to heaven, that place is it. Death is rarely welcome, but comfort, respect, dignity and caring always are; sometimes that's the best you can hope for and, to our ongoing gratitude, exactly what was offered. Despite the inevitable conclusion, there is something very human and beautiful about helping someone leave the world and helping their loved ones deal with profound loss.

The objective of hospice-palliative care is to relieve suffering, both for the patient and the family, by ensuring access to professional care in a safe and supportive environment. Most people would prefer to die at home, but that can be extremely difficult for the family when sufficient medical support for someone who's dying is also required. Hospice-palliative care succeeds in recreating "home" but with doctors and nurses nearby.

Hospice-palliative care recognizes that there is a time to die and that when it is near, the most human (and humane) thing we can do is accept that. The fact that we can provide this level of end-of-life healthcare in our small community is a tremendous achievement we should all be proud of; we are providing a critical service to our families, friends and neighbours as they make wrenching transitions in life and death.

One proviso of Ministry approval is that we'll have to pay for construction of the new hospice-palliative suite ourselves. The hospital foundation (HHHSF) will be launching a campaign when that approval comes, but you can get an early start in supporting the hospice-palliative care program (and other initiatives, like the campaign for new x-ray machines) by contacting them at 705-457-1580.

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Left: Heather Phillips. Right: Cristina and Sophia Rico showed their SHOP LOCAL support. Photos by Walter Griffin.

Shop Local winners

On Friday, April 13, Cristina Rico and her daughter Sophia were found wearing their Easter "Shop Local" stickers while shopping in downtown Minden. They plan on using their Highlander gift certificate at Organic Times and My Size. Heather Phillips of Haliburton's North Country RE/MAX was the lucky winner in Haliburton. She plans on using her \$50 gift certificate at Country Pickins.

Letters to the Editor

An irresponsible approach

Dear Editor:

Your April 12 editorial regarding government accountability (or lack thereof) is much appreciated and I hope will be read by many. The irresponsibility of both the federal and provincial governments should be a major concern to every taxpayer. If the F-35 issue isn't enough of a concern, then hold on to your hat, as the 'tough on crime issue' is going to be even more costly in the long run.

The Harper Conservative's have totally disregarded the advice of some US states that the 'tough on crime' approach does not work. The State of Michigan, for example, has been able to close several jails, rather than having to build new ones, because they changed their approach to dealing with crime.

I worked as a correctional officer for over 12 years and never did see the sense in the 'locking them up and throwing away the key' mentality. It's ideology versus idiocy and the Harper Conservative's seem to be winning the battle in the idiocy department. All they are doing is trying to make themselves look good now, without giving any thought to the future, not only in financial terms, but also in social issues that will result from this irresponsible approach to crime.

I would, with respect, disagree with your statement, "And yet, we have little choice."

We do have a choice, it's called "voting" and for those of us who give a damn about this country, we have a responsibility to not only vote ourselves, but should do all we can to encourage others to get involved. Social media is a very effective tool in this day and age and we need to be vigilant in holding our governments to account.

I would also like to see the auditor general's staff overseeing budget requests before budgets are approved and also oversee disbursements from those budgets as they are being made, not months or years later when it's too late to prevent waste.

Frank Thom
Haliburton

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Letters to the Editor

Enforce the rules

Dear Editor:

We read in the newspapers that you voted to have the Rail Trail open to ATVs on May 14 this year. You may be interested to know that at 11 am this morning (Friday, April 6) a group of ATVs cruised past our property on the trail, not bothering to stop or slow down at the stop sign at our driveway. We weren't able to see the entire group, so don't know how many were on it.

The point really is that you can choose whatever date you like, but if there is no enforcement, ATVs and other motorized users will use the trail whenever they like. This could even be as simple as putting huge boulders at the most-used entrances to the trail to block the way. That wouldn't necessarily stop everyone, but it might go some way to bringing home the message. In the past, the ATV association has told us that they are helpless to enforce the rules before the season, as they can't go on the trail to do so.

Why not just say that anyone and everyone is welcome at any time of the year? It's what happens, and will continue to happen, if the rules you make aren't enforced.

Elaine Bell and Jack Bush
Gelert (adjacent landowners)

Keep the arts alive

Dear Editor:

I'm loving this week's column [State of the Arts] – and your recent musical introductions. The file *Coco and Igor* includes a scene about the opening night of "Le Sacre de Printemps." I feel that arts are here to make us question our existence and challenge our perceptions. The National Gallery has done so on a few occasions – Voice of Fire and the meat dress.

The whole reference to you being a threat to national security is FUD at its best – fear, uncertainty and doubt. The play *Homegrown* should look us square in the face and ask all the tough questions.

A nation without Arts (capital A) is home to a very poor and empty society and I find sad that national sports teams get subsidies to build stadiums, all the while getting corporate sponsorships and sell-out crowds. While orchestras, theatres,

The Outsider — The wonderful life

Life passes or rather flies by with alarming speed once you reach a certain age. Long gone are the lengthy days of childhood: the carefree hours spent doing lots and lots of nothing in particular. Instead, my world seems to be filled with lists of things to do. And, for the most part, I get on and do them.

However, while like most of you folk, I try to cram 26 hours worth of jobs into the average day. I do on occasion like to stop and take stock of things. Not the ever present list of work, nor the mess that Little Z is getting into digging in the muddy garden, but the bigger picture, so to speak.

And here again I have to clarify. I don't mean the global economic crisis, nor the Harper government's wrong or right doings. I'm not seeking my nirvana or inner-being, either. No, I just like to stand and soak it all up: my life, my present, my place on this earth.

I write this now because two small incidents occurred on the weekend which made me do just that; they made me stop and consider just how lucky I am.

The first was a meeting of eyes that gave me cause to smile right in the midst of my sweating and swearing as I struggled to erect the screen room. Once up, our screen room is fabulous, but putting it up is a torturous task never undertaken with glee and always achieved following scraped knuckles, lost nuts and bolts and plenty of the aforementioned expletives.

Badly in need of a third arm to hold up the roof while I manoeuvred the screen wall into place and tightened up a

In response to 'Why not?'

Dear Editor:

When discussing rising energy bills in Ontario, the elephant in the room being ignored is nuclear energy. Fifty-six percent of energy in Ontario is produced by nuclear energy. We are still paying debt charges on our present bills from the reactors built in the 80s. These reactors are reaching the end of their lives and will cost billions of our taxpayers' dollars to refurbish and eventually decommission. The \$35 billion bill for high-level nuclear waste disposal is still coming down the pipes in the future. It will take over 10 years and \$26-40 billion to build new reactors at Darlington. The Deep Geologic Repository being planned by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization will not even begin to be built until 2035. The high-level nuclear waste will have to be dealt with and the taxpayers will have to pay for this storage without one-kilowatt of power being produced. (If people want to check these numbers and facts they can look up DGR NWMO and find all the details.) And our politicians are still pushing for nuclear as the main source of power for the province? And wind and solar subsidies are the reason for our increased bills? Natural gas is certainly a bridge fuel, but only until we get a renewable, sustainable grid in place. How expensive is it going to be to pipe in natural gas? Is natural gas a solution for Haliburton County? Many wells

have been contaminated by the practices of fracking for natural gas. Are we going to continue to get our energy from sources that contaminate our water and air?

Eventually we will have to choose, energy or water; wind and solar are always available as energy sources. It makes sense to come up with ways to harness this energy without as much impact to the environment as our conventional ways of using non-renewable sources of coal, oil, gas and uranium that will continue to grow more and more expensive as they become scarce and continue to contaminate our water, air and food.

Let's move forward and find ways to harness the wind, the sun and the warmth of the earth in ways that make sense for our community. We do not have to be tied to huge wind, solar and nuclear-powered grids.

It's time to look at energy needs for communities and make decisions. For the money spent to refurbish nuclear reactors and store high-level nuclear waste, we could have solar panels and small wind mills for every single person in Haliburton County. We are mismanaging and misusing our resources for big corporations. Smaller community-focused grids make more sense for the future. It's time to take back our own power.

Darlene Buckingham
Wilberforce

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I stopped talking. He didn't stop texting.

When, after a minute or so of silence, he realized we were looking at him, he smiled and said, "Carry on, I was just checking in with a mate."

"I thought I was the mate you were checking in with," I half joked, "seeing as how we're stood next to each other."

"Yeh, but I got a text while you were telling that story about the... the otter, wasn't it?"

I walked away and left my lovely wife to explain, apologize or finish the story.

I wasn't angry, though. No, I was just relieved that I have not become a slave to my cell phone. I thanked my lucky stars that one of these powerful little pocket computers doesn't govern my life as it does my friend who throughout the weekend judiciously checked his phone about once every 15 minutes whether we were walking in the woods, eating dinner, watching TV, playing with the kids or having a supposedly pleasant conversation.

Each time he did this I looked upon him with a sense of pity. Then, after a millisecond or two, I smiled as I once again took stock of things and thanked whoever it is you thank for realizing the importance of being able to step back and appreciate this wonderful life.



By Will Jones

Minden Hills

Fire chief calls for better access

By Will Jones

Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell brought forward a recommendation to council on April 12 that it adopt the draft Policy for the Provisions of Emergency Services to Properties on Private or Unassumed Roads.

Taking on recommendations from an OFM seminar that he and the reeve had attended, Schell's draft policy sets out a number of standards that the fire department believes should be upheld if it is to be able to respond to 911 calls with adequate speed.

The standards state that roads should have a clear width of 3.6 metres (12 feet); an overhead clearance of 4.3 metres (14 feet); a turnaround facility if they are dead

ends; be designed to support the expected load imposed by firefighting or EMS vehicles; a surface free of pot holes, ice, snow and foreign debris; and no obstructions such as fences or gates.

"Our intent is to give direction to property owners, not to impose a financial burden," said Schell. "We hope to advise people living on private and unassumed roads to keep them in good order because if they don't we may be impeded in our efforts to get to a 911 call as quickly as possible."

Reeve Barb Reid agreed with Schell's sentiments but asked just how he proposed to get the message out to seasonal residents.

"We hope to use the media, township website, contractors who work on these roads and properties and hopefully we'll put something into the June tax bills, too," said Schell.

Councilor-at-Large Larry Clarke added that real estate agents might also be encouraged to advise purchasers of cottages on such roads as to the measures they should look out for.

Schell agreed and stated, "When it comes to the crunch, we are trying to improve access to these roads and so improve our response time, which in turn will save lives."



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Group plans to decorate Minden

Locals get sponsors for floral decorations

By Will Jones

Following Minden Hills council's January decision not to include hanging baskets for the downtown core in its 2012 budget, a group of local people have come together to form the Minden Village Decorating Committee. Their intent: to see hanging baskets and other floral displays remain a part of the village's streetscape.

The committee has secured a donation of hanging baskets from the Kinsmens' Club and Carey's Garden Centre has donated one day of watering per week. Additionally, local businesses have come forward with sponsorship to allow the committee to purchase flower barrels for the village. These will be placed outside the businesses paying for them and be watered by their individual sponsors.

However, their plans may yet be scuppered, following the April 12 meeting of Minden Hills council.

"The community is determined to help decorate the downtown following concern about workload and costs to the parks department that were identified earlier in the year," said Rick Cox, director of public works, at the meeting. "The committee has asked that if they supply the baskets and water them once a week, could we water them again while we are doing other watering. However, this request still impacts

upon my department and involves work that we weren't anticipating doing.

"I see the committee's request to buy baskets as fine, but the prospect of us having to water them is something that maybe we should step back from."

Ward One Councilor Brigitte Gall stated that the committee should be applauded for their efforts.

"We don't have a BIA in Minden like the one in Haliburton but this is close to it," she said. "I think we should champion them if they want to do this."

Councillor-at-Large Larry Clarke agreed with Gall but stated that it was unfortunate that the volunteer group wanted to install hanging baskets "which are labour intensive to maintain" rather than other types of street planters.

"The flowers are very important to local store owners," he said, "and when we brought up the issue they did ask us to reconsider the removal of the baskets."

Reeve Barb Reid then said that if Cox did not have the manpower to water the donated planters, he should go back to the group to see if they could work out a way of taking responsibility for the watering.

Cox agreed stating, "The group that has formed due to this issue is considered a valuable asset to the village and will hopefully be a great help to me in the future. I applaud what they are trying to do and hopefully we will be able to work together for the best outcome for the decoration of the downtown core."

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Highlander arts

Talent rises to the surface

High school art show reveals imagination and skill

By Douglas Pugh

The *Beneath the Surface* exhibit, currently on display at The Rails End Gallery, held an open day launch on Saturday, April 14. With both tutors and students in attendance, the gallery was busy with a constant stream of visitors as students not only put their work out there on public display, but followed it up with explanations of their techniques and thought process behind the works.

Lead by teacher Karen Gervais, the group have some truly remarkable pieces of work that are well worth a visit.

"I only provided a germ of an idea from the outset," said Gervais. "After that it was more moral support than anything else."

One of the most eye-catching exhibits is Alexandra Ratkovic's *Instant Rice*, a pencil sketch of celebrity Lindsay Lohan shedding a tear. With a facial capture that nears professional levels, Ratkovic's work – in coloured as well as regular pencils – shows hours of dedicated craft.

"I think that it maybe took 30 hours or so. I'm only kind of estimating that," said Ratkovic, who spent "three hours just getting the nose right." "It was a case of making sure that it was as good as I could manage rather than tracking the time. I just know that for a whole month I had virtually no social life!"

Deep thought also went into *The Truth Behind the Feathers*, two paintings by Christina Shaw. The inset of each painting is a bright and colourful depiction of two popular nursery rhymes, *Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary* and *Ring a Ring o' Roses*. The surrounding scenes, though contrasting in a predominantly black and white colour scheme, paint the grim and gritty realities that lay behind the nursery ditties – the French Revolution and the Black Plague respectively.

Not only is the thought and the idea good though, the scenes are captured in great (and a little grisly) detail. The centrepieces, with their gaudy colouration and almost cartoon-like



Artist Alexandra Ratkovic besides her stunning sketch 'Instant Rice'. Photo by Douglas Pugh.

delivery, portray the innocent use of the rhymes by children so well. All in all, these are paintings that reveal more clever detail with every view.

The other exhibits cover a range of media, from a global display of godly masks to a very cleverly done animation running on a laptop. There are paintings and memoir collages. There is a sculpture in the centre, but don't forget to look up... there is more here than first meets the eye.

A few of the pieces obviously have an underlying theme of addiction, but even here there are deft twists such as Tessa McCarthy Barnes's set simply called *Addiction*. This is not focused on stimulant or medical addiction, but rather as a social comment on society's addiction to money, wealth and possessions.

"This exhibition has run for six or seven years now," said Rail's End Executive Director Laurie Jones. "Each and every year they surprise me with new ideas, new talent. It's a very popular annual exhibit."

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Dave Gunning at the Fish Hatchery

Juno nominee singer/songwriter performing at fish hatchery

By Douglas Pugh

Maritime singer/songwriter Dave Gunning will be appearing at The Fish Hatchery on Thursday, April 19.

As part of their Maritimes themes series this year, the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) has drawn an act with a burgeoning list of credits to his name. Gunning has not only produced nine CDs – all to critical acclaim – but the latest, *A Tribute to John Allan Cameron*, was recently honoured with a prestigious 2012 Juno Award nomination for roots and traditional solo album of the year.

A skilled exponent of the blend of Celtic airs with country and folk music, Gunning has also been awarded two 2011 Canadian Folk Music Awards and six East Coast Music Awards (since 2003).

Noted for not only his love of the people and the land, Gunning has great observational skills and the knack of telling musical tales with rhyme and rhythm, capturing the humanity of us all.

Tickets are available at the Photo Shop in Haliburton, Organic Times in Minden and online at www.madeinhaliburton.ca. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$23/person or \$17 for HCFS members and youth.

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State of the Arts

Squelchy noise of helpful feedback?



By Victoria Ward

Feedback is an interesting term. It originated in the early days of broadcasting when microphones would make awful squelchy noises when first turned on and then fine tuned until silent. It's kind of a negative term, but it has become slang for a completely necessary

function in our culture along with being associated with 70's rock guitar solos.

Feedback about our creative work is important. We need ourselves reflected back by other people because we are not alone and our connection to each other is a biological drive. We need each other. And we want to know what we think of each other.

You hear a lot of artists say that they don't care what other people think. I've always found this a curious thing to say. Why wouldn't you care what people think? You can care what they think and then choose to ignore it, that's fair enough; but outright not caring? That seems a bit pretentious.

Caring doesn't mean acquiescence. On the contrary, it should mean that you are informed and empathetic to the feedback your work receives. This makes you open-minded and better equipped to combat negativity. It then becomes your choice to be hurt by the feedback. Unless the feedback is personal, which is something very different; you should realize not everyone is going to love your work the way your mom does.

A great story about Picasso that I love is about a time a Nazi officer visited his studio in Paris. He was just about to

exhibit his masterpiece *Guernica*. *Guernica* depicts the fire bombing of a small Spanish town and the death of hundreds of innocent civilians by the German army. While many artists had left Paris because of the German occupation, Picasso refused to be intimidated. Officers regularly called on Hitler's most 'hated and degenerate' artist, harassed him and criticized his work. This particular officer saw the billet for the exhibition that the painting was to hang in and asked, with disgust in his voice, "Is this your work?" Picasso replied, "No it's yours." His defiance is inspiring.

Feedback is all about context. When I was in theatre in Toronto there was a critic – who shall remain nameless – who spent their tenure at a nameless newspaper trashing many a great theatre experience in print. It was a direct assault on my little alternative community and from which several professionals never recovered. A bad review in this paper emptied houses and closed runs.

Although some may argue that professional criticism is more sophisticated than just feedback, if you are going to give art a 1,2,3,4 star system then no, it isn't. Real criticism is almost non-existent these days; however, I am certain of its comeback, just uncertain as to the form it will take.

What this critic never took into consideration was that creating theatre in Toronto was a financially impossible thing to do and most productions had to go ahead with or without funding for their work. What sometimes ended up on stage was a shell of an original idea. Funding for shows was never taken into account by this person. Their writing pitted struggling artists whose shows cost \$20,000 to create with the Phantom of the Opera, a million dollar extravaganza. This

particular critic had no context for how to review the small under-funded work alongside the big commercial shows. I am happy to say the current critic at said nameless paper has a full understanding of context.

If you put yourself or your work into the public domain, you are bound to get lots of feedback. Some of it will be negative. That is a good thing because hearing from people who don't like what you are doing can be a learning experience. I pity the artist who shuts their ears to feedback; it can be surprisingly invaluable.

Of course there is a small amount of the population who just love to experience schadenfreude (the German word meaning "malicious joy in other's misfortunes.") These people are what I like to call nature's buzz kills. For some reason there is a certain temperament in humans that love nothing more than to crap all over somebody else. Generally, these people are easily ignored if you learn how to spot them and protect yourself. It's fairly easy. They are people who have never taken a risk, never put themselves into the public domain, never tried to do something really difficult and have never spent their own money on their own dreams. This last quality might be stretching it a bit; it's part of a larger working theory.

If you are going to be an artist or a writer or even a politician, it might be a good idea to arm yourself with an extra layer of thick skin. I have bark on me grown over 20 years of putting my work in galleries, the internet and on stage. You would have to be pretty vicious to get at me. I can handle the feedback.

Sometimes it's useful and sometimes it's just squelchy noise.

Highlander arts

Titanic concert floats the audience's boat

David Archibald concert marks 100th anniversary

By Douglas Pugh

In a timely performance, held on the eve of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, David Archibald thrilled a sold-out crowd on Friday, April 13. Organized by the Haliburton County Folk Society and with a setting in one of Haliburton's oldest heritage buildings, Heritage House Café, the room was packed for the occasion.

With the mood set by not only the multi-talented singer/songwriter/musician in period attire, but also quite a few members of the audience, Archibald's performance of his *The Titanic* collection of songs – that were originally played on the doomed ship – was a superlative display.

"The collection was initially commissioned 10 or 11 years ago by a museum that was putting on a display of material from the Titanic," said Archibald. "I combined a selection of music that the band played on the ship, as well as adding a few compositions of my own."

Switching seamlessly between piano organ, acoustic guitar, mandolin and a banjo, Archibald covered a hugely varied selection, reflecting the two core popular music types of the era, English music hall and American ragtime. Interspersed between the popular numbers were the odd hymn and a Gaelic song – Archibald's interpretation of the diversity of the people aboard the vessel.

In true showmanship, Archibald kept the audience rapt between songs, feeding them not only information about the ship, the crew and the passengers, but also keeping

levity in the form of anecdotes such as how he negotiated for his impressive banjo Tim Hortons car park in Napanee. Archibald's enthusiasm for the subject matter, his bright smile and effervescent wit, and the sheer amount of research and understanding were captivating.

"I haven't performed this set for many years, so I am a little nervous," Archibald confessed before the show. "I also really see myself as more of an acoustic guitarist than anything else; the other instruments do not get used too often."

The crowd though might find that hard to believe, as Archibald not only delivered each number with aplomb, but even took the time to involve the audience in learning the chorus before each song. Many, such as *Enery the Eighth*, might well be known as popular songs from a far later period than they were originally written. Delivering Irving Berlin's *Alexander's Ragtime Band* (though as Archibald himself noted before its performance, it is not strictly speaking a ragtime song) the audience were not only singing along, but positively enthused with the singer's own delight in the tune.

Archibald's own work, too, complemented both the other pieces and the story line as he revealed everything in succinct detail, personal notes on crew members and how the disaster impacted their families afterwards.

The final piece of music took the audience along for the final moments of the disaster, telling the tale of the band that played on even as the mighty ship sank beneath the waves. As it finally tapered into silence you could hear a pin drop, before the crowd stood to their feet and gave the musician a tumultuous standing ovation.

Even amongst the Haliburton County Folk Society's range of excellent productions, this performance has to rate amongst its best. A truly fine evening – with no sign of ice.



Moving on to his more favoured acoustic guitar, Archibald sings a coal miners lament. Photo by Douglas Pugh.



Mic Wilson performs at the fundraiser for Community Living on Saturday April 14. Photo by Tim Tofflemire.



Carl Dixon rockin' out for a dancin' crowd. Photo by Tim Tofflemire.

Carl Dixon and friends rock out

Benefit event raises \$1,800 for Community Living

A fundraiser dance featuring the talents of Canadian rocker Carl Dixon has raised \$1,800 for Community Living.

Held at Carnarvon Bowl on Saturday, April 14, the event also showcased the musical skills of the youthful opening band, Victoria Secrets.

According to those in attendance, the event "had a good vibe," felt "like a house party" and had plenty of dancing.

Stay tuned for future Community Living events.

Highlander business



Youngdale Fuels. Photo by Mark Arike.

Sign of the times

Plans to relocate heating oil business

By Douglas Pugh

Driving down Industrial Park Rd. past one of Haliburton's established businesses, Youngdale Fuels, one can't help but see the "for sale" sign. Yet this is not one of the victims of economic slowdown.

"Business is good," says son of the owner, Chris Youngdale. "The heating oil business is solid and despite the mild winter we've not had a bad year. The sign making business

[Vista Signs] that runs alongside and on the same property is doing really well. Very, very busy indeed."

All that is for sale are the property and buildings. The Youngdale family is looking at relocating within the township.

"Purely looking at using our assets as best we can, maybe even a little re-structuring, but leaving Haliburton never even raised its head. We're doing well and this place is very much our home," said Youngdale.

So, despite the first impression that comes along with a business hanging out the "for sale" shingle, the ever-friendly supplier will be continuing those winter fuel deliveries that keep the cold out and the furnaces humming.



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Gordon family opening new restaurant

Owners of Kosy Korner invest in local businesses

By Will Jones

Not content with owning one of Haliburton's most well-known establishments, the Kosy Korner, Ann Gordon is opening Hali's Bistro, a new fine dining restaurant – and she's doing it next-door in the building that was home to the Mediterranean restaurant Aniz.

Due to open on the May 24 weekend, Hali's Bistro will aim to provide the same friendly and professional service that regulars at the Kosy expect, Gordon explains, "but offer a casual fine dining experience."

"We always enjoyed the [Old] Country House and Aniz," she says, "and what we want to do is continue that tradition of offering fine dining within Haliburton village. However, we aim to watch our numbers and provide an offering that will hopefully appeal to both year-round residents and cottagers alike."

By this, Gordon means that prices for a main course will range from \$12 to \$24, making Hali's Bistro a considerably less expensive proposition for a meal than its predecessor. The atmosphere will be casual and the menu will include pasta, steak, chicken and fish dishes created by Gordon's son Greg, who, after working in Haliburton's restaurants as a teenager, traveled in Ontario and then out West, gaining his chef's stripes in a number of high-end establishments.

Gordon tells of how she has been talking about the possibility of opening a restaurant in the building for around three months now. "We had spoken to Maarten [Steinkamp]

about it, but when Walt McKechnie came forward we stepped back, just happy to see someone working to reopen the restaurant. However, when that didn't happen we decided let's do this – that was just two weeks ago.

"We decided, 'let's open a restaurant that will bring fine dining back to the village, but keep it within the budget of everyone.'"

Gordon and her front of house manager, Donna Whittaker, whom regulars will know from the Kosy Korner, have already hired staff for Hali's Bistro and Greg is currently sourcing staff for the kitchens.

The Gordon family have lived in the county for 12 years and they have cottaged here even longer. They bought the Kosy Korner in July 2011 and have taken out a two-year lease with an option to buy the restaurant next door.

"We love Haliburton; we believe in Haliburton. We have invested heavily in local businesses and we are working to make them a success," said Gordon.

And there is no sign of them holding back on their investments. While Hali's Bistro is the big news at the moment, the Gordon's have quietly gone about purchasing Roberts Marina on Cty Rd. 21 along with business partner Craig Bowker.

Now open for business but planning a grand opening later in the summer, Haliburton RPM (Recreation Powersports and Marine) is a joint venture with Bowker, who is also the general manager. That business will also offer a water ski school, a no-brainer for Bowker who founded Ski-Mazing Watersports.

"There is a great synergy between my water sports business and the new Haliburton RPM," says Bowker. "Our goal is to focus on this and create a really successful business."

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Three impaired driving charges

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Between April 11 and 14, Haliburton Highlands OPP charged three people with impaired driving.

The first arrest was made on Wednesday, April 11 when an officer was flagged down by concerned citizens in Minden at approximately 3:15 pm. The citizens wanted to report a driver who they thought may have been impaired.

An officer stopped the vehicle on Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden and determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol.

Karla Cox, 62, of Algonquin Highlands has been charged with impaired driving and over 80 mgs.

On Saturday, April 14 at approximately 2:40 am, officers responded to County Rd. 21, near a utility substation, due to a large number of vehicles parked in the area.

Officers stopped a vehicle in which the driver had been consuming alcohol.

Zachary Harrison, 18, of Minden Hills, has been charged with impaired driving, over 80 mgs and impaired care and control.

That same day at approximately 7:40 am, officers responded to reports from a citizen of a possible impaired driver at the Pioneer Gas Station in Minden.

Upon their arrival, officers determined that the driver of the vehicle had been consuming alcohol and had been in some sort of collision. There were no injuries.

Christopher Judge, 18, of Scarborough has been charged with impaired driving, over 80 mgs, dangerous driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

The accused have upcoming court dates in June and July at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden.

OPP launch seatbelt campaign

The OPP are once again drawing the line for drivers and passengers with a spring seatbelt campaign already underway.

The week-long operation, which concludes on April 22, targets drivers and occupants who are not buckled up, with particular focus on child restraints. A properly used booster seat can reduce a child's risk of injury in a crash by as much as 75 percent. Despite that, OPP officers continue to find children in danger because they are not properly strapped in a child car seat or the booster seat is incorrectly installed.

In OPP jurisdictions during the first three months of this year, nine people have died in a collision as a result of not wearing a seatbelt

and many more were seriously injured.

Vehicle occupants who are not buckled up can expect to pay a \$240 fine and two demerit points.

Quick facts

Seatbelt non-compliance draws a fine of \$240 and two demerit points.

In 2011, 285 people lost their lives in motor vehicle collisions on OPP patrolled roads and in 71 of those deaths, seatbelt non-compliance was a factor.

In 2011, the OPP laid a total of 29,471 charges of seatbelt non-compliance, up by 3,847 from 2010.

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Highlander health

Second hospice palliative suite planned for HHHS

Success of first suite supports government approval process

By Lisa Harrison

Since it opened in June 2011, the new hospice palliative care suite at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has provided such beneficial end-of-life support that a proposed second phase has already achieved partial government approval.

Phase 2 of residence-style hospice palliative care at HHHS calls for a new structure connected to the hospital that will include another hospice palliative suite along with two common areas for families of patients in both suites, according to Paul Rosebush, HHHS president and CEO. A separate entrance will provide additional privacy for the families while the connection to the hospital will support seamless nursing and medical care.

The current suite was a dream of community members who formed a Hospice House Steering Committee several years ago to build support for a residential hospice program for Haliburton County.

"Our idea was a separate house dedicated to hospice care," says Marilyn Rydberg, manager of hospice services for SIRCH Community Services, which works in partnership with HHHS for hospice palliative care at the suite. "The study

recommended that we do a co-location with the hospital, that it would be more feasible for sustaining long-term funding."

Rosebush worked with the committee to develop a proposal for funding to establish a suite plus nursing and medical support on the existing HHHS property and presented it to the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). The LHIN approved the proposal and funded the redevelopment of an existing acute care room as a hospice palliative suite.

"The room has met with very favourable support from families who use it," says Rosebush. "We really believe in this as a care model." He says the design of the room received a lot of community input and the result is a "beautiful, functional space for people who need end-of-life care and their families."

While HHHS has always provided palliative care, the new suite provides a more familiar, soothing environment and the additional support of specially trained volunteers from the SIRCH hospice palliative care program. Rydberg says SIRCH adopted a "care team" approach using small volunteer groups so that patients and their families don't have the additional stress of continually adjusting to new volunteers.

The hospice palliative care suite and program at HHHS has received heartfelt thank you notes from patients' families as well as support from hospital staff, says Rydberg.

Debbie Watson, HHHS manager of patient care and chief nursing officer, confirms that the working models for integration of volunteers with the nursing team "have gone really well."



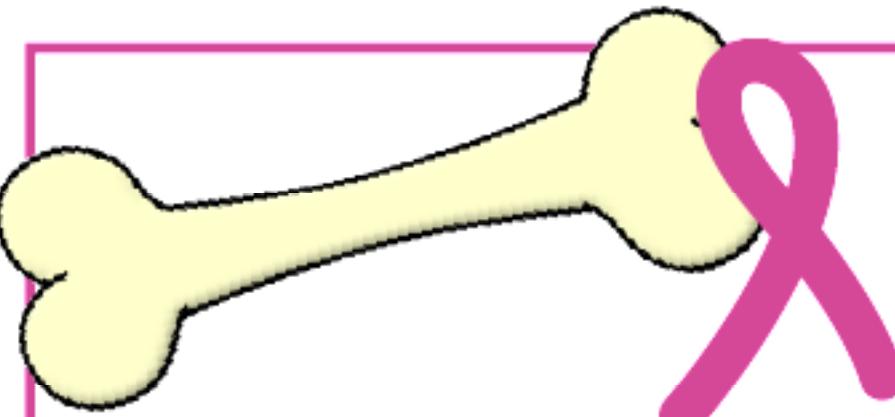
The hospice palliative suite at Haliburton Highlands Health Services in Haliburton is designed to help patients and their families feel more at home in the hospital setting.

"It means the team is bigger and better... it's a different type of support [for patients] but it's complementary," says Watson.

She adds that the nursing staff are thrilled with the new room, and emphasizes the need "to make a hospital feel like a home in end-of-life care, it's so important that people feel they're not necessarily in a hospital environment."

Rosebush says that LHIN has already approved Phase 2 in principle with the understanding that a nursing component will be required, and that the proposal is now before the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Capital Projects branch.

According to Rosebush, approval from the Ministry is more likely and may be more timely because the project has been submitted as a "self-funding" initiative: the HHHS Foundation will provide support for the construction.



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Highlander health

Funds float in for pool study

Committee secures \$35,000 for market demand feasibility study

By Mark Arike

With a \$10,000 grant from the Eastern Ontario Development program and another \$16,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the County Swimming Pool Initiative (CSPI) has the funds it needs for a market demand feasibility study.

"I'm very happy to have raised the amount of money we need for a market demand feasibility study to determine if a pool and recreation centre is a possibility here in Haliburton County," said Gay Bell, chair of the CSPI, during an announcement made at the Minden Community Centre on April 12.

To begin the study, \$35,000 had to be raised. Through previous donations from the community – such as \$5,000 given by doctors at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre – the pool's volunteer committee has managed to hit their target.

According to a press release from the group, efforts to have a pool and recreation centre built in the Highlands have been ongoing since the 1990s.

"Municipal and county councils have indicated that a pool and recreation centre would not be affordable or sustainable. It is important to note, however, that feasibility has never been objectively researched," states the release.

Through the study, it is hoped that the results will indicate a desire from residents for this type of facility. In addition, the study data will indicate a preferred location to construct a facility that will meet the needs of the community.

"A consultant will hire a team of telephone surveyors who call, at random, about 4,000 people and ask them questions," explained Bell.

Since there are concerns surrounding the financial sustainability of such a large facility, the pool's committee has sought the participation of the YMCA.

"With the YMCA's strength in leadership and capacity in facility design, construction, programming, staffing and fundraising, their involvement significantly increases the likelihood of long-term sustainability for this project," says the release.

Patti Tallman, CED/operations manager for the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), presented Bell with the first cheque in the amount of \$10,000.

"This certainly is a huge volunteer effort on behalf of your organization," said Tallman, who explained the amount of work involved in applying for such funding.

"HCDC works with a lot of community partners in support of planning that will lead to a healthy, active community and make Haliburton County a great place to live," she added.

MPP Laurie Scott and Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) member Klara Oyler were also in attendance to say a few words and present a plaque to Bell for the OTF funding.

"As many of you know, the OTF is an agency of the government of Ontario and through our current \$120 million of funding, we strive to create healthy and more vibrant

communities," said Oyler.

"This past November, the County Swimming Pool Initiative, led by the Haliburton Lions Club, came to OTF with an innovative idea. This group realized that to make their pool a reality, they needed to create a solid plan that would address the unique need and challenges of the community," she said.

Brian Nash, president of the Rotary Club of Haliburton, shared a few words of support on behalf of his organization.

"By pursuing this initiative, we will retain and attract new residents, thereby increasing the vitality of our local businesses. We will increase the health and well-being of our aging population and our youth. We will increase resiliency in our community at a time when creating stronger, bolder communities has never been more important," said Nash.

Those who could not attend, including Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, submitted letters of support.

The CSPI is now considering a proposal from Leisure Plan International (LPI), a company based in Toronto, to coordinate the study. Should the study result in a sufficient amount of positive feedback, the committee will start the process of completing a formal business plan with the long-range goal of securing a site location, actively engaging in capital fundraising and ultimately constructing the complex.

In addition to helping residents stay active, Bell and other committee members outlined several other benefits to having such a facility. These included: reduced travel time for residents to such a facility, year-round employment, physiotherapy for seniors and an attraction for out-of-town residents.



A packed hall listens to a speech from Shannon Feir, Director of Care. Photo by Douglas Pugh.

Appreciation night for health services volunteers

Annual event fills Haliburton Legion

By Douglas Pugh

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) held its annual volunteer appreciation night at the Haliburton Legion on Monday, April 16.

With a huge throng of attendees numbering over 150, the tables were packed as they heard a few short keynote speeches from

the hospital's managers and directors of nursing, care, mental health and the support foundation.

Possibly the best comment of the evening went to president and CEO Paul Rosebush.

"In the week that has the 100th anniversary of a very famous event," quipped Rosebush, "you have to remember that while Noah's Ark was built by volunteers, the Titanic was built by professionals."

Along with a splendid buffet, musical entertainment was provided by local group Jazz Kitchen.

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From left to right: Jake Reynard, Jennifer Wanless-Craig, Anabelle Craig and Terry Craig. Photo by Heather Kennedy.



A woman of Ejo Hazaza making stuffed beads.

Glassblowers to build studio in Africa

Local artists fundraiser to make summer trip possible

By George Farrell

While the Highlands has a reputation for fundraising, it also seems that the people in the community have a penchant for taking their expertise abroad to assist those who are less fortunate; and it seems like the continent of Africa is a frequent recipient of their generosity.

The latest in an increasingly long line of travellers to Africa will be those creative glassblowers from the Artech Studios in Tory Hill, namely Jennifer Wanless-Craig, hubby Terry Craig and long-time cohort and assistant Jake Raynard. There will be a fourth traveller: the Craig's young daughter Anabelle, who is a mere eight years old.

"Anabelle always wanted to go to Africa," said Wanless-Craig recently, "so when we were asked to build a glassblowing studio near Kigali in Rwanda, we jumped at the opportunity."

It's not as if the Craigs haven't done this sort of thing before. In fact, Terry originally came to the Highlands to design and build the glassblowing facility for Sir Sandford Fleming College's Haliburton campus. He's still connected with the college and the couple moved up permanently in 2004. But how does one get to build a glassblowing studio in Africa?

"We were at the Chicago Market Wholesale Craft show last August," recalls Wanless-Craig, "and a woman named Susan Moinester told us she loved our work and that she was looking for people to go to Rwanda to set up a studio."

Moinester is the managing director of Manos de Madres ("Hands of Mothers"). It's a non-profit organization "dedicated to carving pathways out of poverty and

improving the lives of women and their families through income generation initiatives founded upon the principles of cooperation, creativity, fair trade and sustainability."

Manos de Madres is involved in a project in Rwanda helping a group of mothers who have HIV/AIDS support themselves and generate income to buy baby formulas as an alternative to breastfeeding. Using baby formula reduces the risk of transmitting the virus to their babies.

The mothers group is called Ejo Hazaza and Manos de Madres is providing training and funds for the purchase of material with which the women make cloth and paper jewelry, beadwork and weavings. Moinester is also seeing to it that the products find their way to appreciative buyers, which she does in part through the Manos de Madres website.

While Moinester was having trouble finding American glassblowers willing to go to Rwanda, in the Craigs she found enthusiasm for the trip and the project; but as often happens there was a drawback to overcome.

"The women of Ejo Hazaza get grants from the US embassy in Rwanda and the embassy would also assist American glassblowers who went over, but because we're not American and because we also don't live in Rwanda, we aren't eligible for assistance," Wanless-Craig explained.

"So we're presently helping Susan raise funds for our flights, some equipment and the shipping. We'll cover the cost of taking our daughter," she said. "Accommodation and food will be provided."

The initial trip to Rwanda will be a two-week stint during which "Terry and Jake will be busy building a furnace, teaching a local instructor the rudiments of glassblowing and finding out more of the culture in order to determine the kind

of products they'd like to make," said Wanless-Craig. "My job is to work with the women on skills and also to help them define their products." She'll also handle the bookkeeping, as she does for Artech.

Though two weeks hardly seems like enough time, "we've already been working via email, Skype and exchanging photos," said Wanless-Craig. "We're finding out about things like safety issues and equipment and differences in propane [to heat the furnace]."

There are two windows of opportunity for the departure to Rwanda: June or August. Africa's summertime temperatures and the Craig's busy schedule preclude other dates.

"We need to raise \$15,000 and we've raised \$3,000 to date," said Wanless-Craig. "We don't feel that it's appropriate to seek funds within the Highlands, but hopefully additional funds might become available through Manos de Madres."

We've also joined Kickstarters, an online organization that puts potential funders together with creative entrepreneurs."

"We'll get to Rwanda," she said, adding that they are committed. "When we come back we'll tell our story through social media, Power Point and by speaking in the schools. Maybe later there could be an exchange where other organizations come to us."

The Craigs and Jake Reynard, all established in the local arts community, are also very active and socially conscious individuals.

"We all believe in working with the community and buying locally, but if you've got the opportunity to help globally too, why not?" said Wanless-Craig.

For more information on the women of Ejo Hazaza visit manosdemadres.org

Senior highlanders



The OPP Golden Helmets ride through town during last year's Colourfest event.

Colourfest 2011 wins two awards

Submitted by Jerelyn Craden

Festivals & Events Ontario, the most prestigious festival and events organization in Ontario, presented last year's Haliburton BIA fall festival, Colourfest 2011, with two 2012 Achievement Awards: Best Promotional Campaign (under \$100,000) and Best New Festival or Event (under \$100,000).

"Colourfest was recognized from almost 1,000 individual festivals and events in Ontario represented through their FEO membership that were eligible to apply for these annual achievement awards and is now in the company of internationally-renowned festivals and events that meet a standard of excellence in nine unique areas of achievement throughout the Province of Ontario," stated a congratulatory letter from Festivals & Events Ontario.

Held last fall, Colourfest brought a variety of entertainment and attractions to the Village of Haliburton (www.colourfest.ca) for one day.

A foray into the arts

Dear Penny,

My wife and I will soon be heading up to the cottage for the summer and we're looking forward to it, as always. While we always find our days are filled, this year my wife suggests we attend the Haliburton School of the Arts for a week or two. We're retired and I'm afraid it's mostly for kids. I don't want to feel out of place. Do you know anything about it?

Late starter

Dear Late starter,

You ask about Haliburton School of the Arts: Fleming College, which happens to be a school that is dear to my heart. The good news is you are not too late. Indeed, from early spring and all through the summer and fall, the classrooms are close to bursting with older students learning a new craft, renewing their acquaintance with an activity they once loved or trying something they've never tried before.

Some are just passing time. Some are following a dream. And some are discovering a passion or talent they never knew they had. The excitement of discovery and creativity fills the halls and the grounds are crawling with people sketching, writing or collecting odds and ends for a special project.

It is an amazing school and I attend it every summer. I can tell you from personal experience that the diversity of courses offered is stunning and the setting is simply gorgeous.

Here's a quote from their online brochure.

"The Haliburton campus is nestled in a lakeside park setting, surrounded by the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. The lakes, forests and rolling hills of the Highlands of Haliburton provide the perfect inspirational setting for an art school."

I believe that most of the programs are a week long, although I know there are longer courses available too. Check

According to the awards criteria, entries in the Best Promotional Campaign had to demonstrate the positive use of traditional marketing material, media opportunities, promotional material and websites for the benefit of the festival or event. Support materials needed to include: newspaper inserts, PSAs, print ads, website screenshots, on-line ticket purchases, email marketing efforts and any other marketing or promotional items that contributed to the campaign.

In the Best New Event category, entries had to outline the conception, development and execution of the new stand-alone festival or event. The impact of the festival/event, including information on attendance, revenues, community benefits and potential legacy should all be outlined. New festivals or events must have completed at least one and not more than three years of operation.

Aging Well



By Penny Brown

out their calendar and you'll see everything from acrylics to bird carving and blacksmithing to collage and creative writing—and that's just a few of the ABCs. They go all the way through the alphabet with exciting programs taught by knowledgeable instructors, many of whom are leaders in their field.

I found the staff to be warm and welcoming and have made wonderful friends among the students there. Ages range from youthful to, well, really old, and I think that's part of the magic. People of all stripes, all ages and an amazing breadth of backgrounds come together to pursue a whim or a dream. It doesn't seem to matter which. There's something special about the Haliburton School of the Arts that glues everyone together.

They offer after-class events too, and those can be informative, stimulating or just great fun. By the way, this year, there will be classes in Haliburton and Huntsville too.

Call for a calendar at 1-866-353-6464 or find everything you need to know online at <http://flemingcollege.ca/school/haliburton-school-of-the-arts>.

They even have an online application form to make registering for the courses really easy.

So, by all means, give it a try this summer. My guess is you and your wife will love it.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them.

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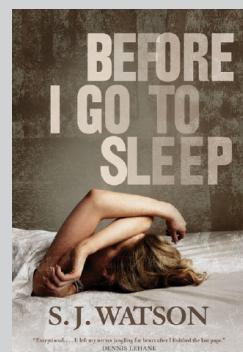
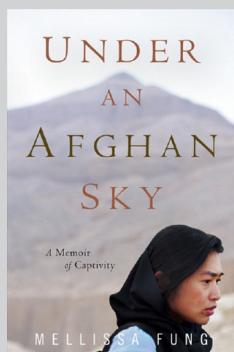
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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top 5 fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library for the week of April 23 – 29.



HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
2. *Down the Darkest Road* by Tami Hoag
3. *Calico Joe* by John Grisham
4. *Death Comes To Pemberley* by PD James
5. *11/22/63* by Stephen King

HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
2. *Under An Afghan Sky* by Mellissa Fung
3. *Something Fierce* by Carmen Aguirre
4. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
5. *Drop Dead Healthy* by A.J. Jacobs

As predicted, the release of the movie adaptation of *The Hunger Games* has caused the novel to once again soar with popularity at the library. It is somewhat uncommon to have books marketed at a junior/teen audience reach our top-five most popular lists but there are, of course, books for all ages that are in high demand at the library. Currently, the most popular junior fiction novel is *The Last Hope* by Erin Hunter, book six of the *Warriors* (*Omen of the Stars*) series. This is a fantasy series about warrior cats aimed at children in grades 5-7. They are said to be quite addictive books for young readers. If you have children at home that are not quite old enough to read the *Hunger Games*, you may want to consider Erin Hunter's various Warrior books. The entire series can be requested at your library.

Library News

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a Lunch and Learn on May 31. The guest speaker will be Shelia Ziman of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. For more information, please contact the Friends at friends@haliburtonlibrary.ca

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Prospective students visit campus

By Mark Arike

Many prospective students could be seen checking out Haliburton's Fleming College campus during an April 14 open house.

"We're giving them tours, answering questions and assisting them with accommodations," said Jennifer Bain, arts certificate coordinator.

Many of the prospective students, who plan on attending the college in the fall, received tours of the campus from current students. Last Saturday's event coincided with open houses held at Fleming's campuses in Peterborough, Lindsay and Cobourg.

The Haliburton campus is well-known for its arts courses, including the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma (VCAD).



Lioness members donate to YWCA

Submitted by Linda Robertson

The Minden Lioness club presented \$400 to the local YWCA during a country music jamboree at the Minden community centre on Sunday, April 15. At the event, Lioness members and recreation department staff also presented Brad Trumbell with a three-wheel bike that they purchased.

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Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Students prepare to go hungry April 23-24

By Douglas Pugh

We all see the kids come around every year. They'll politely knock on your door and ask for some donated cans of food as part of their food drive for the local 4Cs. All very laudable in its own right; a great local cause.

The food drive, though, is part of a much larger event. Those children that are doing all that collecting are probably trying their utmost to not think too hard about the tinned contents, because they will be running their annual 30-hour famine.

This fast, where the participating students seek pledges for their suffering, is all part of a huge fundraising drive for World Vision Canada, a charity that currently works at providing clean water supplies in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"I just coordinate and provide moral support," said Chris Johnson, a teacher at the high school. "The kids are wonderful, organizing everything and keeping things on track and focused."

Among other 'distractions' that the students have set up is not only their Food Drive, but also a children's fun fair and a talent show.

With 30 hours to fill – during which they can drink water and similar drinks to stay hydrated – the students will be avoiding food (apart from the tinned variety) from 4 pm on April 23 all the way through to 10 pm on April 24.

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Mike "The Sexy Senior Citizen."



A howlin' good time

By George Farrell

Hollar n'Swaller (above) were among many performers on Saturday evening April 14th at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. The sold-out Hootenanny, hosted by Places for People, raised just over \$1,800. The funds will go directly to helping families in need of affordable rental housing in Haliburton County.

Other entertainers from the night included: Mike "The Sexy Senior Citizen", Pressure Point (Danielle O'Conner, Ernie Wilde, Rob Currie, Andrew Currie), Mo and Lo, Chad Ingram, Amelia and the Mayor, Sheri Hawkins and Tomb 55, and George Farrell and the Buckside Blues Band.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Highlands Summer Festival, a not-for-profit charitable theatre company, will be held

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- Update on the 2012 season
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In search of sustainable development partners

By Will Jones

The old Donald Chemical Plant may still look dilapidated to passersby, but its emergence as the province's newest and most forward-thinking green building centre of excellence is well underway. The next stop in its journey is an open house information session to promote its reincarnation as the Eco-Innovation Centre.

Hosted by project coordinator Leora Berman, the information session will be held

at the Pinestone Resort on Friday, May 4 from 4:30-6 pm.

Berman urges contractors, suppliers, trades folk, land managers and Eco-Innovation Centre partners to come along to find out about the project, its current status, history, the burgeoning provincial interest and how becoming a partner can help individuals and the county's economic development.

“Construction is the third largest industry in Haliburton County and green construction

is the fastest growing sector in Canada,” says Berman. “Businesses with expertise in sustainable construction and development, or with aspirations to get into the market, should be involved with the Eco-Innovation Centre because we will reach new markets and promote the immense skills and knowledge base already here in the county.”

Berman explains that the project is moving along swiftly and that new partners from a variety of sectors are joining daily.

“Our newest partners include a bank, RBC, and the Municipality of Highlands East. Both understand the relevance and importance of supporting this initiative.

“We are aiming to really put Haliburton County on the map and as such we want to promote local businesses first before we open up to the wider market.”

To date, a new weather-tight roof has been put on the building. This year Berman hopes to landscape the exterior, gut the interior of the building and continue renovations throughout. She will hopefully be assisted by students in the sustainable renovations program at Fleming College – the college is already an Eco-Innovation Centre partner – and students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Numerous local contractors and suppliers

have also pledged to lend a hand – something that Berman is encouraging in exchange for a lifetime membership at the centre.

“Partners can join and pay dues for space and promotion through the Eco-Innovation Centre, but currently they can also work out a deal with me whereby they donate some time or materials to the project in place of payment,” she explains.

The planned opening date for the Eco-Innovation Centre is spring 2013. Berman acknowledges that there is much work to do, but she points out the strides that have already been made on both the building and the project as a whole.

“The building renovations are moving forward; our business plan is complete; we are attracting partners and funding; and the website is now operational. We'll even be able to offer a scholarship to one of the students from the college course next year,” she says. “The time is right for this venture and for businesses that recognize the importance of building sustainably. We look forward to meeting new and existing partners at the open house.”

For more information contact Leora Berman at 705-457-4838 (RSVPs for the open house would be appreciated).

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Karen Albert dons a painter's outfit.

Bowling for the arts

Third annual event raises \$3,500

By Mark Arike

At their third annual bowl-a-thon for the Artists in the Schools program, the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands managed to raise close to \$3,500.

The bowl-a-thon, which took place at The Fast Lane in Minden on Saturday, April 14, was a sold-out event with 42 bowlers in attendance. Local MPP Laurie Scott made a brief appearance to kick things off with a few remarks and to throw the first ball.

Artists in the Schools is a program that brings local artists to classrooms in all five of Haliburton County's elementary schools.

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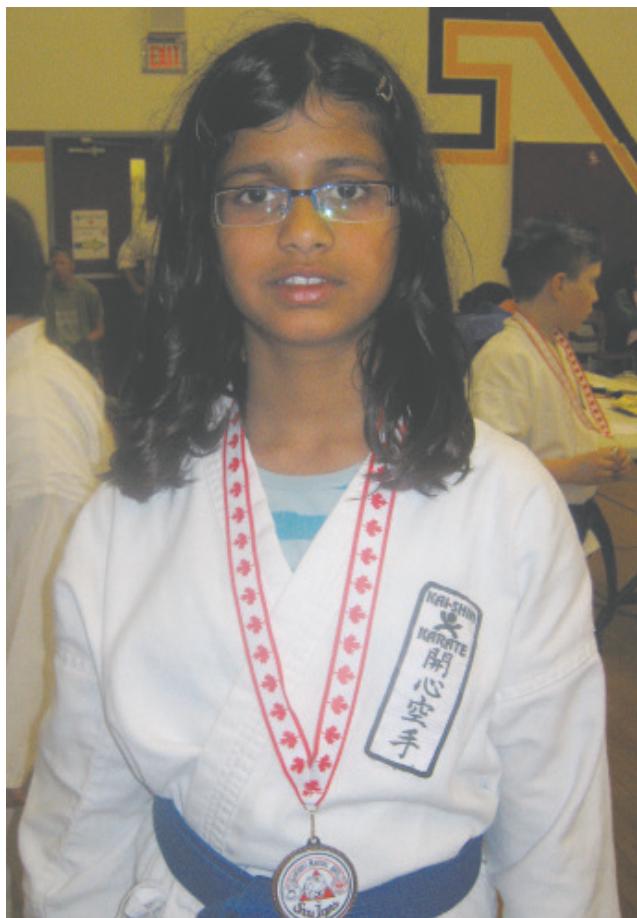
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Highlander sports



Left: Vaibhavi Marathe receives a bronze medal for her kate. Right: Josh Chapple is ready to fight. Photos by Erin Lynch.

Karate club returns with medals

By Erin Lynch

Sixteen competitors from Haliburton's Kai-Shin Karate North Branch Club travelled to Bancroft on Sunday, April 15 to participate in a shiai (friendly competition) hosted by Bancroft Martial Arts at North Hastings High School. The local karate club brought back a number of bronze, silver and gold medals for recognized excellence in kata and sparing.



Two teams take trophies at corporate league finale

By Mark Arike

Six teams from the local business community took turns battling it out for local bowling supremacy at the fourth annual corporate/social league playoff finale on Tuesday, April 17 at The Fast Lane in Minden.

Two trophies were up for grabs – one for the 'A' division championship and the other for the 'B' division. After over two hours of play,

the Haliburton Foodland team was crowned A division winners while 'The Bobs' (made up of various players) secured the top spot in the B division.

The corporate/social league at The Fast Lane plays every two weeks over the fall and winter months and is all about staff camaraderie, building new relationships, fun and staying active.

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We thank all those that apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Highlander events

EVENTS

MINDEN LIONS CLUB Super Spaghetti Dinner

5-7pm Friday
April 20 - \$10



Lions Hall on Bobcaygeon Road
Dinner also includes garlic bread,
Caesar salad, beverage, and cake
(seconds included)

St. George's Anglican Church Youth Group
invites you to

"MARIO'S" LASAGNA DINNER

Friday, April 27 5pm and 6:30pm
at St. George's, Haliburton - 618 Mountain St.
Tickets available at Master's Bookstore
Adults - \$10. Children 6 to 12 - \$7
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Proceeds in support of the Youth Bursary Fund
A limited number of tickets may be available
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April 2012

Future Events - April 28

- HALIBURTON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION AGM, Sandy Lane Resort, Highway 35 north of Camarvon, 10 am, everyone welcome
- OEYC Haliburton, 10 Year Anniversary Celebration, 10 am-noon, celebration includes children's drumming circle with John Proctor of Earth Tones Studio, crafts, activities and refreshments, for families with children 0-6 years old - siblings welcome, 705-457-2989
- SIRCH Hike for Hospice, collect pledges individually or in a team, meet at HHSS at 10:15 am to register, 100% of funds raised stay in our community

APRIL 19 -27, 2012

Thursday - 19

- Dental Screenings for children in Wilberforce, April 19 at the Play and Learn, offered by the HKPR Dental Department
- Play Group, Point in Time (currently until April 30), Cardiff Elementary School, 12:30-1:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, 705-457-5345, X311
- Cardiff Kinder Group, Point in Time (currently until April 30), Cardiff Elementary School, 1:30-2:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, 705-457-5345, X311
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1-4 pm, Bev, 705-286-3085
- Haliburton County Folk Society, Dave Gunning, Visitor Centre at the Fish Hatchery, 7:30 pm, tickets \$23/person or \$17 for Folk Society members and youth

Friday - 20

- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, 705-457-2941
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1-4 pm, Bev, 705-286-3085

Saturday - 21

- Haliburton County Folk Society, Open Mic, Heritage House Café, 33 Pine Street, Haliburton, 8 pm

Monday - 23

- Parent Child Mother Goose, Haliburton Ontario Early Years Centre (ending Monday, April 30), 10-11 am, for parents and children (newborn to 2.5 years) learning rhymes, songs and stories together, enjoy a friendly and relaxed morning of fun and learning, register with OEYC at 705-286-4625 or 705-457-2989, offered in partnership with Point in Time

- Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 6-9 pm, St. George's Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton, Mary or Jeff Martin, 705-457-2260

- Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church, 7-10 pm, admin@lakesidebaptist.ca
- Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, 705-457-2941

Tuesday - 24

- Wii, Community Care, Haliburton, 9:30 am, 705-457-2941
- Volunteer Forum DIC, Community Care, 2-4 pm, 705-457-2941
- Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 4 pm to 5 pm, admission by donation
- Euchre Night, West Guelph Recreation Centre, 7-10 pm, 705-754-1457,
- Haliburton County Folk Society, Anne Louise Genest & Kim Barlow, House of Lisa Barry, email saltpotter@hotmail.com

Wednesday - 25

- Pickleball, Minden Community Centre, 9-12 noon, equipment supplied, bring clean court/running shoes, contact Doug, 705-489-3850

- Meet the Dietician at OEYC, April 25, 10:30-noon, Laura from the HKPR Health Unit will talk about nutrition and answer your questions, draw for a free cook book, 705-286-1770

- Spring Luncheon, Haliburton United Church, corner of Pine & George Streets, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, \$8 per person in support of community charitable organizations
- Community Care Diners Club at Win Yeung, 12 noon, 705-457-2941
- Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle, Rail End Gallery, 7:30 - 9 pm, 705-457-2330

Thursday - 26

- Play Group, Point in Time, Cardiff Elementary School, 12:30-1:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, 705-457-5345, ext 311
- Cardiff Kinder Group, Point in Time, Cardiff Elementary School, 1:30-2:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, 705-457-5345, ext 311
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1-4 pm, Bev, 705-286-3085

Friday - 27

- Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library AGM and Members Appreciation Afternoon, Common Room, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 1 pm, guest speaker Ava Homa, author of Echoes from the Other Land: Stories of Modern Iranian Women. Free for members, \$5 for the public. Refreshments provided.
- Community Care Diner's Club, Wilberforce Legion, 12 noon, 705-457-2941
- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, 705-457-2941
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1-4 pm, Bev, 705-286-3085

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HALIBURTON Branch 129 - 705-457-2571

- Wednesdays - 7 pm, Bingo

MINDEN Branch 636 - 705-286-4541, rcibranch636@hotmail.com

- Mondays - 7:30 pm, Cribbage Night
- Wednesdays - lunch time Meat Draw
- Thursdays - 7:30 pm, Euchre
- Fridays - 5-7 pm, Fish & Chips Dinner

WILBERFORCE Branch 624 - 705-448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com

- Friday, April 20 - 5-7 pm, Spaghetti Dinner
- Mondays - 7 pm, Bid Euchre
- Wednesdays - 7:30 pm, Darts
- Fridays - 1:30 pm, Pool; 7 pm, Jam Session
- Saturdays - 2 pm, Meat Draw
- Sundays - 1-6 pm Free Pool, Retro Drink Prices

Email louise@haliburtonhighlander.com to have your local event advertised.

Highlander life

Tree of Life bears fruit

By Douglas Pugh

Point In Time, a charitable not-for-profit organization in the Highlands dedicated to bringing summer camps and activities to underprivileged local kids, received a \$771 boost on Thursday, April 12 when the Haliburton branch of Shoppers Drug Mart presented a cheque on behalf of their Tree of Life campaign.

"The charity is for local kids who would otherwise just not be able to afford to go to summer camps," said Gail Stelter, coordinator for Point In Time. "We do our utmost to spread the money as best we can, creating day camps as well as summer camps – all of them local, all of them with volunteers. It's hard times economically and fundraising is hard at the best of times. Shoppers Drug Mart is awesome."

The Tree of Life campaign has customers at the busy pharmacy buying paper leaves of varying levels which are then applied to a tree graphic in the store, with all of the money going to Point In Time. While this particular campaign has a local focus, the pharmacy chain holds similar initiatives nationwide and since 2002 has raised \$14.7 million.

"It's [Point In Time] a local, charitable non-profit organization. It helps children, it helps mothers," said store manager Breanne Mansfield. "Those are all things that are important to us. It's a pleasure to help out where we can."

Over the last 23 years, Point In Time has successfully sent



Lisa Hamilton from Point In Time receives the Tree of Life cheque from Breanne and Aimee Mansfield of Shoppers Drug Mart. Left to Right : Aimee Mansfield, Lisa Hamilton, Breanne Mansfield.

over 500 children between the ages of 6 and 11 to camps around the county. The numerous benefits of attending camp include learning new skills, developing friendships, building self-esteem and social skills, and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Participating children often have physical,

developmental, social or behavioural challenges, and would otherwise not be able to attend summer camp.

The \$771 will go some way towards reaching Point In Time's annual target of \$8000.

Plans to form advocacy group for seniors

Event on April 26

A public meeting to generate interest in the creation of a Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) chapter will take place on Thursday, April 26 at 4:30 pm at the Dysart library, not April 23 as mentioned in the April 12 edition of *The Highlander*.

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I Made It! show and sale

College students set to showcase their works.

Fleming College Haliburton is pleased to present I Made It!, the end of semester art show and sale hosted by current students in full-time diploma and certificate programs. This one-day exhibition will take place from 10 am until 2 pm on Saturday, April 21 at Fleming College's Haliburton campus.

I Made It! is a wonderful opportunity for developing artists to gain exhibition experience and showcase their many talents. Visitors will be amazed by the vibrant tapestry of the arts found on display and within the college. Many students who attend Haliburton School of The Arts have come from outside Haliburton County to study at Fleming College and this

exhibition provides members of the Haliburton community an opportunity to view new works by new artists. Artists will be available to discuss their works and answer any questions.

This exhibition is a student-based initiative featuring a variety of media showcasing the talents of winter semester students. Some of the media represented include painting, drawing, jewellery, glass blowing, sculpture and mixed media. Select works will be available for purchase.

Light refreshments will be served at this free-of-charge event.

For more information contact organizer Terri Frew at 705-457-1680 ext. 6759.

EVENTS

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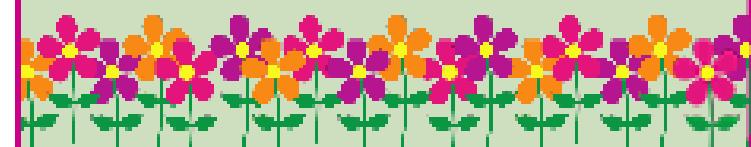


Spring Luncheon

at
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Wednesday, April 25th
11:30 am to 1:30 pm;
***\$8 per person;**

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Highlander technology

The Computer Guy Phishing in Haliburton

By Dave Spaxman

When you think of fishing in Haliburton, you think of casting your lure from the shore or floating in the middle of a lake dangling your line over the side of a boat. However, last week there was a different kind of phishing going on and Karen Frybort of McKeck's The Blue Line was unwittingly the bait.

Frybort had her email account information stolen and therefore the perpetrator was able to access her contact list and used that to send out emails to everyone on it.

In the email, the recipient was informed that Karen was stranded in a foreign country and needed money to return home. A Western Union link was attached to the email so the money could supposedly be forwarded to her. Frybort, however, was safe and sound in Haliburton tending to the restaurant.

"I was quite surprised when I started receiving phone calls from people wanting to find out if I was OK," she

said. "Once I realized what was happening, I contacted the authorities and Western Union."

These types of emails are known as phishing emails. They are usually messages of an urgent nature and desire an immediate response. Another common one supposedly comes from a financial institution stating your bank account is suspended or going to be suspended if you don't click on the link provided and input personal information such as an account number and PIN. The emails look quite professional and may even have the bank's logo attached to it.

The thief is not expecting everyone that receives these to take the bait, but hopes to catch a few people with the scam, thus the term "phishing."

If the email is from someone you know requesting financial help, then contact them and let them know that their email account has been hacked. They should immediately change their password. Report what has happened to info@antifraudcentre.ca.

If you receive a suspicious email and you unwittingly provide personal or financial information, contact your bank, contact your credit bureau and have fraud alerts placed on your credit reports, contact local police and send an alert to info@antifraudcentre.ca.

Some other ways to stay safe:

- be suspicious of any e-mail or text messages containing urgent requests for personal or financial information;
- never e-mail personal or financial information; and
- regularly check your bank, credit and debit card statements to ensure that all transactions are legitimate.

Your bank or credit card company will never email you for account or personal information.

If we all stay informed we can reduce the success of these types of scams. Then the only fishing you'll have to worry about is the one with the pole.

If you have any questions you would like to see answered here, email the computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!



Constable Sandy Adams in the entrance to the Haliburton Highlands detachment with plaques and photographs honouring the county's three fallen officers. Photo by Lisa Harrison.

OPP honours Haliburton County's fallen officers

By Lisa Harrison

Three Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police officers (OPP) who lost their lives in the line of duty will be honoured at a bridge dedication ceremony on Thursday, April 26 at the Minden Community Centre.

Detective Sergeant Lorne Chapitis and Corporal James Smith were killed when responding to a call from Minden detachment officers to assist in the case of a mentally ill man on South Lake Road on December 11, 1968. Provincial Constable Eric Nystedt was killed when he and his partner investigated the report of a domestic dispute in Kinmount on July 3, 1993.

The dedicated bridges honouring Det. Sgt. Chapitis and Corp. Smith are located on Hwy 35 at Moore's Falls. The dedicated bridge honouring Prov. Const. Nystedt is located on Hwy 35 just north of the village of Minden.

Bridge dedications are "an act of respect, a memorial for these officers who gave their lives in their commitment to the people they serve, an ongoing tribute to their sacrifice," says Constable Sandy Adams of the Haliburton Highlands detachment.

The law authorizing such dedications on highways throughout the province was proposed by the Ministry of Transport and other organizations and was passed by the provincial government in 2002. Const. Adams notes that numerous signs have appeared in Huntsville, Niagara Falls and southwestern Ontario and many more communities are hosting tributes.

Prior to the Haliburton Highlands detachment's move to their new Minden offices in 2006, they held a ceremony honouring Det. Sgt. Chapitis and Corp. Smith with granite plaques. The plaques now grace the entrance of the new building on Hwy 35, along with photographs of all three officers.

According to Const. Adams, both the earlier ceremony and this year's bridge dedications have been a dream of the detachment's Constable Rob Orlowski. "It's been his passion to make sure these officers are remembered in this county," she says.

With these dedications, all of the Highlands officers who died while on duty will have been publicly honoured.

Officers throughout the detachment are "absolutely thrilled" about the dedication, says Const. Adams. Many officers who worked with Const. Eric Nystedt are still active in the detachment, and many retired officers remember Det. Sgt. Chapitis and Corp. Smith. "They have a commitment to these officers to never let their memories be forgotten."

The dedication ceremonies will take place on Thursday, April 26 at 1:30 pm at the Minden Community Centre. OPP Commissioner Chris D. Lewis will attend along with members of the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and other provincial government representatives.

The bridge signs were installed in the fall and will be unveiled by the MTO around the date of the official ceremonies.



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